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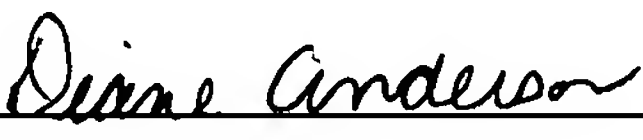
In re Application of: Laroya, et al.

For: PLACING A GUIDE MEMBER INTO A HEART CHAMBER THROUGH A CORONARY VESSEL AND DELIVERING DEVICES  
FOR PLACING THE CORONARY VESSEL IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE HEART CHAMBERSerial No.: ~~11/784,861~~ 10/784,861

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Copies of foreign patent documents and journal documents are enclosed except for the following documents:

Harada, et al., *VEGF in Chronic Myocardial Ischemia*, Amer. Physiol. Soc., 1996, H1791-H1801.

Sigwart, U., *An Overview of Intravascular Stents: Old and New*, pp. 803-815.

von Segesser, L.K., *Arterial Grafting for Myocardial Revascularization*, 1990, pp. 3-140.

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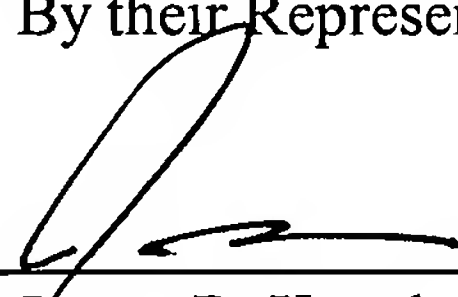
Copies of these documents were not available after a diligent search. Applicants believe that copies of these documents should be available in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/833,921, filed on April 11, 2001, and U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/023,492, filed on February 13, 1998.

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